

REMARKS

Status of Claims

Claims 1-14 are pending. By this amendment, Applicants have cancelled claim 14.

Allowance of Claims

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for indicating the allowability of pending claims 1-13. The Examiner has objected to claim 14 as containing non-elected subject matter. Applicants have herein cancelled claim 14 without prejudice, thus mooting the objection.

Applicants assume that the Examiner, in indicating the allowability of claims 1-13, has searched the entire subject matter of the pending claims, including non-elected species, as is required under proper examining procedure. "[S]hould no prior art be found that anticipates or renders obvious the elected species, the search of the Markush-type claim **will be extended**." M.P.E.P. § 803.02. If Applicants' assumption is incorrect, Applicants request the Examiner search the full scope of the claims or contact the undersigned at 202-408-4173.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully request that this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 be entered by the Examiner, placing claims 1-13 in condition for allowance. This Amendment should allow for immediate action by the Examiner.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge
any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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